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AN ABSTRACT of the proceedings of the French King.

*The defeating of the Duke of Parmas
Forces.*

*The preparation of his Maiestie for the reducing
of his townes in Normandie.*

*The request of the Leaguers of Roane to the Go-
uernor of Diep. And the wosull estate
of the Citie of PARIS.*

Written by a French Gentleman to his friend.



*Henry the eighth
French Gentleman
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A BRIEFE

Abstract of the late particular
proceedings of the French King
in Francce.



De rare of affaires in
absence (my most as-
sured friend) bindeth
me to remember with
no small thankes your
great kindnes. Your
Letters dated the 11.
of November I rece-
ued, wherby I am as
fully satisfied of those doubtes, which for a time
kept me (as it were) from my natuue home, as if
my selfe in presence had taken all paines for
their dispatch, beeing in all thinges comforted,
were it not I want your comfortable presence.
But to be briefe, I wil, as you earnestly request

in few wordes expresse the present estate of the
affaires of our most Christian King here in
France.

We are here credibly aduertised, as well by
sundry espials as by many other people, that the
greatest part of the Duke of Parmaes forces
are by the Kinges power defeated, and all his
baggage or the greater part thereof lost: wher-
by the Leaguers, who reposed on them as on
the piller of their weale, are dismayed with the
wearie expectation of their vaine hope, which
is nowe turned to despaire, the Duke himselfe
being withdrawen to Bruxells.

Also it is most certaine, that the Kings ma-
iesties forces doe soorth with come downe into
Normandie, to reduce those places which stand
for the bisforall Leaguers. His Maestie mea-
ning to beginne at those little Townes which
stand betweene Roane and New-hauen, from
whence no succour can come vnto Roane, as
they haue expected.

Also, those of Roane since the defeate of the
Duke of Parmaes forces, haue bene at Diep,
and required to haue libertie for all those wo-
men and children that are vnder the age of
sixteene yeeres, whose parents and husbandes
were withdrawen into places of force, leauing
theyr dwellinges desolate, to retourne to them.

poſteſtions to manuſtre theyr grounde, reuayre
theyr homies, and gather in theiρ goods, whiche
they haue bene compelled to dupearke abroade
among theyr friends wheres they haue thought
good, for the ſafegard thereof. Unto the which
the Gouernour will not make anſwere, vntill
the kings maieſtie pleaſure be therin farther
knowen.

Lastly and bytely, there is great lykelyhood
that the kings Maieſtie will ſhortly chafe and
dye a wate all his enemis, and not ſeeke, as
they haue preeumptiouniſlie bookeſed, to conculde
anie peace with them. But when wee do con-
ſider the assured resolution of the kings maie-
ſtie, buildeſed vpon a firme perſeuerance in un-
doubted faith, his right, and the neuer chaung-
ing promise of Almichtie God, who hath promi-
ſed to raze out the remembraunce of ſuch as lay
violent handes on his annoiected. wee haue
no doubt, but dare boldly affirme, & will houre-
ly expect the downfall of thofe degenerate mon-
ſters, who hauing buildeſed on the weake ſand of
mans power and inuention, ſhal not bee able to
indure the breath of the Lordes wrath, but bee
ſwallowed with Cozah in the ſwelling ſurges
of theyr owne abhominations, and theyr Arch-
counſellers the cewarde of Achitophell: theyr
ring-leader the ende of Absolom: which the
Lord at his good will and pleaſure will bring to
paſſe.

Thus.

It is also most certaine that Paris is become a
banished, her deauions habitations being either lefts
desolate, or turned to hospitals of leprosies, leprosies
the fleshes flaggards, her traitours, heresies, who
use to be ameuered in despising for to merrie, infideliety
of God, and breaking of commandments of his Auges.

Thus haue I muche satisfied you
concerning the French Kings pro-
ceedings, and the successe of his e-
mperies, I haue sent you that whereof
I am assured, and you may boldlie
affirme.

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